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## NEWS RELEASE

### **MILFORD MAN SENTENCED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

Thomas A. Marino, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, announced today that **Eugene Rupert**, age 51, of Milford, Pennsylvania was sentenced today by United States District Court Judge James M. Munley to serve a 43-month term of imprisonment for possession child pornography on his computer and another storage device. Judge Munley further ordered that Rupert also serve a life term of supervised release and pay a \$5000 fine.

In February 2007, charges were filed against **Rupert** as the result of a coordinated investigative effort by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children as part of "Project Safe Childhood." Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created "Project Safe Childhood" as a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. "Project Safe Childhood" marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit: [www.projectsafechildhood.gov/](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/).

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Gurganus handled the prosecution of this case.

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